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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)  
THROUGH: Comptroller  
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SUBJECT: Purchase of land for [REDACTED]  
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1. Attached as Appendix A is a memorandum discussing the legal aspects of the [REDACTED] housing project. Very briefly, it concludes that title to the land can be acquired [REDACTED] and that power so to acquire is in the CIA legislation.

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2. Two questions are raised, however. To our knowledge no provision was made for this acquisition in either the 1953 or 1954 fiscal year budgets. Consequently, this is a new project and will require PRC action. Even if approved by the Director, we may still be unable to expend the funds so long as we are operating under the present joint resolution of the Congress. Secondly, assuming our budget is passed in the presently contemplated form, sufficient funds for this acquisition should be available.

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[REDACTED] If this were a major or controversial acquisition, we think it would be more politic to return to the Congress for approval, formal or informal, as we did on the CIA building proposal. In the present situation, however, this particular acquisition totaling \$10,400 is for support necessary to properly conduct an existing operation, and we do not believe it is essential to clear with the Congress, particularly if we have budgeted some general amount for the acquisition of land.

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